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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. FARR, Mr. FILNER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MICHAUD, and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Proportionate Final
3 Benefit Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS THROUGH MONTH OF**
5 **BENEFICIARY’S DEATH.**

6 (a) OLD-AGE INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
7 202(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(a)) is
8 amended by striking “the month preceding” in the matter
9 following subparagraph (B).

10 (b) WIFE’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(b)(1) of such
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 402(b)(1)) is amended—

13 (A) by striking “and ending with the
14 month” in the matter immediately following
15 clause (ii) and inserting “and ending with the
16 month in which she dies or (if earlier) with the
17 month”;

18 (B) by striking subparagraph (E); and

19 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)
20 through (K) as subparagraphs (E) through (J),
21 respectively.

22 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
23 202(b)(4)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(b)(4)(B))
24 is amended by striking “(E), (F), (H), or (J)” and
25 inserting “(E), (G), or (I)”.

26 (c) HUSBAND’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(c)(1) of such
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 402(c)(1)) is amended—

3 (A) by striking “and ending with the
4 month” in the matter immediately following
5 clause (ii) and inserting “and ending with the
6 month in which he dies or (if earlier) with the
7 month”;

8 (B) by striking subparagraph (E); and

9 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)
10 through (K) as subparagraphs (E) through (J),
11 respectively.

12 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
13 202(c)(4)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(c)(4)(B))
14 is amended by striking “(E), (F), (H), or (J)” and
15 inserting “(E), (G), or (I)”.

16 (d) CHILD’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
17 202(d)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(d)(1)) is amend-
18 ed—

19 (1) by striking “and ending with the month” in
20 the matter immediately preceding subparagraph (D)
21 and inserting “and ending with the month in which
22 such child dies or (if earlier) with the month”; and

23 (2) by striking “dies, or” in subparagraph (D).

24 (e) WIDOW’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
25 202(e)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(e)(1)) is amended

1 by striking “ending with the month preceding the first
2 month in which any of the following occurs: she remarries,
3 dies, or becomes entitled” in the matter following subpara-
4 graph (F) and inserting “ending with the month in which
5 she dies or (if earlier) the month preceding the earliest
6 of the first month in which she remarries, the month in
7 which she becomes entitled”.

8 (f) WIDOWER’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
9 202(f)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(f)(1)) is amended
10 by striking “ending with the month preceding the first
11 month in which any of the following occurs: he remarries,
12 dies, or becomes entitled” in the matter following subpara-
13 graph (F) and inserting “ending with the month in which
14 he dies or (if earlier) the month preceding the earliest of
15 the first month in which he remarries, the month in which
16 he becomes entitled”.

17 (g) MOTHER’S AND FATHER’S INSURANCE BENE-
18 FITS.—Section 202(g)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
19 402(g)(1)) is amended—

20 (1) by inserting “with the month in which he or
21 she dies or (if earlier)” after “and ending” in the
22 matter following subparagraph (F); and

23 (2) by striking “he or she remarries, or he or
24 she dies” and inserting “or he or she remarries”.

1 (h) PARENT’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
 2 202(h)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(h)(1)) is amended
 3 by striking “ending with the month preceding the first
 4 month in which any of the following occurs: such parent
 5 dies, marries,” in the matter following subparagraph (E)
 6 and inserting “ending with the month in which such par-
 7 ent dies or (if earlier) the month preceding the first month
 8 in which such parent marries”.

9 (i) DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
 10 223(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 423(a)(1)) is amended
 11 by striking “ending with the month preceding whichever
 12 of the following months is the earliest: the month in which
 13 he dies,” in the matter following subparagraph (D) and
 14 inserting the following: “ending with the month in which
 15 he dies or (if earlier) with the month preceding the earlier
 16 of” and by striking the comma after “216(l))”.

17 (j) BENEFITS AT AGE 72 FOR CERTAIN UNINSURED
 18 INDIVIDUALS.—Section 228(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 19 428(a)) is amended by striking “the month preceding” in
 20 the matter following paragraph (4).

21 **SEC. 3. COMPUTATION AND PAYMENT OF LAST MONTHLY**
 22 **PAYMENT.**

23 (a) OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE BENE-
 24 FITS.—Section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 402) is amended by adding at the end the following new
 2 subsection:

3 “Last Payment of Monthly Insurance Benefit
 4 Terminated by Death

5 “(z) The amount of any individual’s monthly insur-
 6 ance benefit under this section paid for the month in
 7 which the individual dies shall be an amount equal to—

8 “(1) the amount of such benefit (as determined
 9 without regard to this subsection), multiplied by

10 “(2) a fraction—

11 “(A) the numerator of which is the number
 12 of days in such month preceding the date of
 13 such individual’s death, and

14 “(B) the denominator of which is the num-
 15 ber of days in such month,

16 rounded, if not a multiple of \$1, to the next lower multiple
 17 of \$1. This subsection shall apply with respect to such
 18 benefit after all other adjustments with respect to such
 19 benefit provided by this title have been made. Payment
 20 of such benefit for such month shall be made as provided
 21 in section 204(d).”.

22 (b) DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section 223
 23 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 423) is amended by adding at the
 24 end the following new subsection:

1 “Last Payment of Benefit Terminated by Death

2 “(k) The amount of any individual’s monthly benefit
3 under this section paid for the month in which the indi-
4 vidual dies shall be an amount equal to—

5 “(1) the amount of such benefit (as determined
6 without regard to this subsection), multiplied by

7 “(2) a fraction—

8 “(A) the numerator of which is the number
9 of days in such month preceding the date of
10 such individual’s death, and

11 “(B) the denominator of which is the num-
12 ber of days in such month, rounded, if not a
13 multiple of \$1, to the next lower multiple of \$1,
14 rounded, if not a multiple of \$1, to the next lower multiple
15 of \$1. This subsection shall apply with respect to such
16 benefit after all other adjustments with respect to such
17 benefit provided by this title have been made. Payment
18 of such benefit for such month shall be made as provided
19 in section 204(d).”.

20 (c) BENEFITS AT AGE 72 FOR CERTAIN UNINSURED
21 INDIVIDUALS.—Section 228 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 428)
22 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
23 section:

1 “Last Payment of Benefit Terminated by Death

2 “(i) The amount of any individual’s monthly benefit
3 under this section paid for the month in which the indi-
4 vidual dies shall be an amount equal to—

5 “(1) the amount of such benefit (as determined
6 without regard to this subsection), multiplied by

7 “(2) a fraction—

8 “(A) the numerator of which is the number
9 of days in such month preceding the date of
10 such individual’s death, and

11 “(B) the denominator of which is the num-
12 ber of days in such month, rounded, if not a
13 multiple of \$1, to the next lower multiple of \$1.

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15 of \$1. This subsection shall apply with respect to such
16 benefit after all other adjustments with respect to such
17 benefit provided by this title have been made. Payment
18 of such benefit for such month shall be made as provided
19 in section 204(d).”.

20 **SEC. 4. DISREGARD OF BENEFIT FOR MONTH OF DEATH**
21 **UNDER FAMILY MAXIMUM PROVISIONS.**

22 Section 203(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 403(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following
24 new paragraph:

1 “(11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
2 Act, in applying the preceding provisions of this subsection
3 (and determining maximum family benefits under column
4 V of the table in or deemed to be in section 215(a) as
5 in effect in December 1978) with respect to the month
6 in which the insured individual’s death occurs, the benefit
7 payable to such individual for that month shall be dis-
8 regarded.”.

9 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
11 respect to deaths occurring after the month in which this
12 Act is enacted.

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